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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 6, 2004, **DETRIC D. ROSEMAN**, age 31, of Carbondale, Illinois, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a one-count indictment, charging him with conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine. An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. The violation took place between July 2003, and March 2004, in Carbondale, Illinois. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The conspiracy charge carries a penalty of between 5-40 years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2 million, and a term of at least 4 years' supervised release.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative effort of the Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies' participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, Jackson County States Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Murphysboro Police Department.

The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.